

UTILITY BOARD/COMMON COUNCIL
Thursday, November 14, 2013
7:30 P.M.

The Common Council and Utility Board of the City of Huntingburg met in joint session at its regularly scheduled meeting time on Thursday, November 14, 2013 at the hour of 7:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Huntingburg City Hall at 508 E. Fourth Street, Huntingburg, Indiana. Members Lehr, Blackgrove, McPherron, and Summers were present. Also present were Mayor Spinner and City Attorney Schneider. Member Kissling was absent.

Mayor Spinner called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Lehr, seconded by Summers and carried to approve the minutes of the October 24, 2013 meeting as presented.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Blackgrove and carried to approve the claims as presented.

Jon Craig of Midwestern Engineers was present and presented a proposed agreement for engineering and related services. The agreement is for rates and expenses if Midwestern Engineers does work for the City.

A motion was made by Blackgrove, seconded by Lehr and carried to approve the 13 month agreement between the City of Huntingburg and Midwestern Engineers as presented.

The Mayor proposed the City begin observing two additional federal holidays; Martin Luther King Day and Veterans Day.

A motion was made by Blackgrove, seconded by McPherron and carried to approve the 2014 calendar of holidays, which includes the addition of two federal holidays; Martin Luther King Day and Veterans Day as presented.

The Mayor noted that the committee formed to find a new Water Utility Superintendent recommends Todd Williams for the position. He noted that Williams has the licenses sought and was the overwhelming choice of the committee. The Mayor noted that Williams would start on December 2, 2013.

A motion was made by Blackgrove, seconded by Lehr and carried to offer the position of Water Utility Superintendent to Todd Williams.

The Mayor indicated the need to discuss the salary ordinance for elected officers for salaries of 2014. There was discussion.

A motion was made by Lehr, seconded by McPherron and carried to approve a 2% pay increase for all elected officers by the vote of 3 aye, 1 nay (Summers), 1 absent (Kissling).

The Mayor distributed to the Council copies of the Certification of Elected Official to the Executive of the City of Huntingburg on Compliance with Municipal Contracting with a Unit Policy and copies of the Annual Certification of Elected Official to the Executive of the City of Huntingburg on Compliance with Municipal Nepotism Policy Involving Direct Line Supervision. He noted that these are required annually to be filed with the executive by December 31 of each year.

The Mayor informed the Council of the opportunity to apply for grant funding from the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP).

Street Superintendent Jason Stamm summarized the program. The program would provide funding to improve safety in the City through the programmatic installation and upgrading of signs to meet current standards. The estimated cost of the proposed project is \$100,000.00. The City would be required to provide a 10% match estimated to be \$10,000.00. The local matching funds would be allocated from the City's Local Road and Street Fund. The project funds would be available in the State's fiscal year 2017. He

also presented a Hazard Elimination Study-Programmatic Sign Replacement, City of Huntingburg.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Summers and carried to approve the application for Highway Safety Improvement Program as noted above.

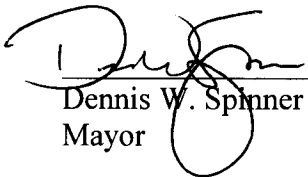
Eric Parsley and Al Stong of Commonwealth Engineers were present to address the Council and inform them that the Company is 40 years old and to inform them of the new officials at Commonwealth. Eric Parsley is now the Treasurer and Al Stong is now the President of Commonwealth Engineers.

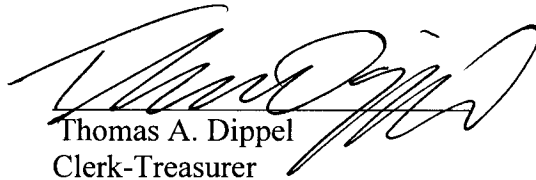
Rachel Steckler, Director of Communication and Community Development, updated the Council on the new Website to soon be active. She demonstrated the new website. She noted that the website will go live next Tuesday.

City Attorney Schneider updated the Council on the purchase of the 5 acres of property west of Niehaus Park. He noted the closing on the property was last Wednesday.

The Mayor reminded the Board that there will be a Utility Rate Advisory Board meeting on November 26, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. concerning the Electric and Gas cost adjustment factors being rolled into the base rates of each utility. O.W Krohn will make a presentation to the Utility Rate Advisory Board concerning the rate changes.

There being no further business before the Council, a motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Blackgrove and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 o'clock P.M.


Dennis W. Spinner
Mayor


Thomas A. Dippel
Clerk-Treasurer